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SANITATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated guidelines for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) investment for sanitation programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the sanitation programme being taken up by the corporate houses under CSR provision, State/UT wise; and

(d) whether the Government has formulated any policy for operation and maintenance of the community toilet to be made under CSR initiative and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has issued guidelines to facilitate the utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in rural sanitation activities. States can use these guidelines as a base to develop their own procedure to attract/receive and utilise CSR funds.

(c) Many Corporates have announced undertaking works in rural sanitation, which they are taking up in consultation with State, District and local governments.

(d) Yes Madam. As per the CSR guidelines issued by this Ministry, the CPSEs/Corporate Houses are advised to enter into a separate agreement with the implementing NGO/Social organization, which is to construct the sanitation project, for operation and maintenance of the community toilet preferably for ten years. O&M costs during this period should be part of project costs to be supported by the Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)/ Private Corporate House.